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Israel

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Israel due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Israel due to terrorism and civil unrest. **DO NOT TRAVEL** to the West Bank due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution when traveling to the West Bank due to terrorism and civil unrest. **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Gaza due to COVID-19, terrorism, civil unrest, and armed conflict. Some areas have increased risk.. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp. A visa is not required if stay is less than 90 days. There are restrictions for visitors wanting to travel to the West Bank or Gaza, or for travelers with dual US and Israeli citizenship, consult: [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html) and/or content and/or travel and/or international-travel and/or International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages and/or [IsraeltheWestBankandGaza.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html)).

US Embassy/ Consulate

[972] (2) 630-4000; US Embassy Jerusalem, 14 David Flusser Street, Jerusalem 9378322, Israel; JerusalemACS@state.gov; <https://il.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

972

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 101; Fire: 102; Police: 100

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

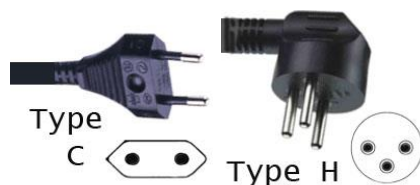
Temperate; hot and dry in southern and eastern desert areas

Currency (Code)

New Israeli shekels (ILS); the shekel is also commonly referred to as NIS

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, H



Major Languages

Hebrew, Arabic, English (most commonly used foreign language)

Religions

Jewish 74.1%, Muslim 17.9%, Christian 1.9%, Druze 1.6%

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| Time Difference | UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, Friday before the last Sunday in March, ends the last Sunday in October |
| Potable Water | Yes, but many opt for bottled water. |
| International Driving Permit | Suggested |
| Road Driving Side | Right |
| Tourist destinations | Jerusalem (includes Temple Mount, al-Aqsa Mosque, Holy Sepulcher Church, Mount of Olives); Bethlehem; Timna Park; Sea of Galilee; Masada; Dead Sea; Haifa & Mount Carmel |
| Major Sports | Soccer, basketball |
| Cultural Practices | It is common to bring a present if invited to a home for dinner. Wine, flowers, or chocolates are appreciated gifts. |
| Tipping Guidelines | Tip servers 10-15% at restaurants. Tipping taxi drivers is not expected. |

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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